

SPORTING NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The Dixon-Smith Affair at the Coney Island Club To-Night.

McAuliffe to Have a Benefit Next Friday.

Those good little men, George Dixon and Sol Smith, will parry, thrust and jab at each other to-night in the amphitheatre of the Coney Island Athletic Club, for the glory of the world's feather-weight championship and the possession of \$9,000 purse.

The boxers are now at the island, Dixon and his party stopping at the Widow O'Brien's, and Smith and the California contingent stopping at Garry Katen's. Both are reported to be in the finest shape for a protracted struggle, and clearly down to weight, 118 pounds, with two pounds leeway one side or the other of that figure.

The best supporters of the all-conquering colored boy cannot see where Dixon will lose. They never talk of defeat for the brown-skinned lad, but are figuring just how short a time it will take him to petrify Sol.

Some over-enthusiastic Bostonians wildly wagered that Dixon would put up a superlative exhibition, and Sol would mean in about four rounds. The Smith forces laughed madly at the idea.

The contest to-night will be the largest that has gathered within the Club walls since its opening.

Short or long, the encounter will be a great feature, exciting features, and when the finish does come there'll be a pandemonium in its outcome.

Tom O'Rourke, of course, will be Dixon's chief second, with Slim Asche, Tom Healy, and Hodder as his seconds.

Joe Chaykin gets at the island in session he will assist Smith, with Seward Smith, brother of Sol, and Billy Devery assisting him.

Abraham, Sol's manager, will second Smith.

Abraham is confident that Smith will win. It ought to be one of the main events of the time—the Dixon-Smith affair.

Handball Player John Lawlor is still here, but has pleased himself for a while. He is in need of a challenge for \$50 a side about a month ago.

Lawlor put up a forfeit to blind match, but not a word was heard from Cassey and his team, and Lawlor is left to now declare that he will meet Cassey and sign articles to play for \$100 a side, the same series of games had to be played in hand and half in America.

Lawlor's proposition seems to be entirely fair.

In the games on Saturday of the Metropolitan District Cricket League the season came to an end, and the eleven of New Jersey Athlete Club secured the trophy.

The winning team had a clear record of nine straight victories, and it is the first time the Bergen Point club will receive the pennant which will give them a decided impetus when the Australian players reach here about Oct. 6. They will play the New York team, and it is hard for Americans to crow to baseball to the wall in preference to cricket. The all-Australian team will tour the country.

Nothis is only a flag station.

The best thing you can do is to start and walk if you want to get to Ware before night. It's only ten miles, and the next train up is not due till morning, so I'd say the man, after Clyde had told him of his misfortune,

"Well, sir, erred Minnie, glad to see a human face, "have you seen my husband?" He was left by the morning train and I came back to find him, and he is no here. Oh, what shall I do?" And her sobs broke out.

"Well, by gosh, if this isn't a go!" exclaimed the man. "I'll bet my hat you're that crasy fellow's wife that started to walk to Ware about an hour ago. Say, miss, what's he like? Was he a dudley looking fellow, hugging a woman's hat like he was afraid it would run away?"

"Twas he! Twas my own Clyde!" cried Minnie, overcome by this picture of devoted love. "Oh, kind sir, can't you go after him and bring him back? He'll pay you well, I know."

"Well, I might, I suppose," answered the man. "You come to my house and stay with my old woman, and I'll mount Dobbin and see if I can overtake him. Cheer up—I'll bring him back with me as sure as my name's John Henry."

Minnie thankfully followed John Henry down the road to his "old woman," a motherly lady who could not be kind enough to her upon learning her story. After bathing her aching head and partaking of the dainty lunch before her she felt much refreshed; and when at last she could see far down the country road a rather dilapidated looking old horse trotting slowly along with two passengers, she took the lunghouse with delight. It was with difficulty she could believe that he dragged looking being could be the stylish man who had married her such a short time ago, and yet it seemed as though she had lived a lifetime in those few hours.

"Here he is, safe and sound!" shouted John Henry, as the horse stopped at the gate.

Minnie, rushing down to meet them, fell upon Clyde's neck, and the unfortunate hat, which he still held, was subjected to a pressure which destroyed its beauty forever—Waiverley.

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